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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosts public meeting to discuss upcoming ordnance study

The public is invited to a meeting hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the upcoming study and work activities on property comprising what was once Camp Swift, a former Army training installation in northeast Bastrop County. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Bastrop High School Commons (cafeteria), 1614 Chambers Street in Bastrop, Texas.

The Corps' Fort Worth District, in conjunction with the Corps' Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala., is scheduled to begin the study of the approximately 52,000-acre former camp area in September. The study is designed to determine the presence and extent of ordnance and explosives items remaining in the former camp area, and make recommendations for future actions based on the results.

Camp Swift was used for Army training from 1942 to 1947. It was located about 20 miles east of Austin near Bastrop in an area now bounded by Highway 290 on the north, Highway 21 on the east and Highway 95 on the west. The property is now occupied by the Lower Colorado River Authority, Bastrop Lake State Park, Texas National Guard (current Camp Swift), a medium-security federal prison, and agricultural and residential lands.

For more information about the meeting or the project, call Anita Horky at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 817-978-3395.